

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Continuation application of  
Appln. Serial No. 09/273,687

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Preliminary to taking action in the above-  
identified application, please amend as follows: